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November 12, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELECTRICAL FRANCHISE
GRANTED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
BY ORDINANCE NO. 7062, AS AMENDED
(ALL AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommendations will extend the term of the electrical franchise granted to Southern California Edison Company through December 31, 2009.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve an ordinance to amend the electrical franchise granted to Southern California Edison Company, a California corporation (Edison), by Ordinance No. 7062, as amended, to extend the term of the franchise through December 31, 2009.
2. Introduce, waive reading, and place on your Board's agenda for adoption the accompanying ordinance that implements the above recommendation, becoming effective January 1, 2009.
3. Find that this project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to extend the term of the Edison franchise to provide additional time to complete an audit of the annual fees paid for calendar years 2001 through 2005, to implement revisions to the County franchise codes, and to negotiate the terms and conditions of a new long-term franchise with Edison.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs that we provide the public with quality service that is beneficial and responsive (Goal 1). The Board's approval and adoption of an ordinance to extend the term of the Edison franchise is consistent with this goal.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Edison has paid the County a one-time granting fee of \$5,000 to process an ordinance to extend the term of the franchise. Edison will continue to pay an annual fee of two percent of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of the franchise. Edison paid the County total fees of \$3,379,205 for the 2007 calendar year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 27, 1956, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 7062, granting a 50-year County-wide electrical franchise to Edison, which expired December 27, 2006. By Ordinance No. 2007-0100F, your Board extended the term of the Edison franchise through December 31, 2008. Upon your Board's adoption of the accompanying ordinance, the term of the Edison franchise will be extended through December 31, 2009.

The Department of Public Works and Fire Department have reviewed the request and have no objections. County Counsel has reviewed the accompanying ordinance to extend the franchise and approved it as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Class 1 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended Board actions will not impact or adversely affect any current services or future projects.

CONCLUSION

Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to send conformed copies of the approved Board recommendation and the adopted ordinance to Southern California Edison Company, 2244 Walnut Grove Ave., Room 372, Rosemead, CA 91770, Attention: Wes Tanaka, Director of Local Public Affairs, and the offices of County Counsel, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, and the Chief Executive Office, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF', followed by a long horizontal line and a checkmark-like flourish.

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Department of Public Works
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